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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE FOR I&S

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Subject: Release or Disclosure of Classified or Unclassified CIA Intelligence or Information to the Congress of the United States

1. Concur as to legal aspects but have a couple of suggestions for possible consideration, even though it may not be my place to make them:

(a) An attempt should be made to have inquiries from Congress put in writing, where possible. This discourages casual and unnecessary inquiry, gives time to consider the information, and prevents inadvertent disclosure which often occurs in oral discussion.

(b) Paragraph 3a provides for all requests to go to OGD. Paragraph 3b provides for coordination of requests for intelligence information with the LLO. I have no objection but am merely somewhat confused as to what is intended, but expect that OGD and the LLO can clarify it.

(c) In paragraph 5a, I should prefer to see the addition of the word "written" between "prior" and "authorization". There are several reasons. Oral clearance might be claimed where there was no intention to give it, but the words were misunderstood. It might be necessary to qualify an authorization, and the precise qualification could be set down in writing to restrict the employee or, if necessary, to aid him stall off pressure during an interrogation. Also, if the employee exceeded or varied the terms of his authorization, the written record would be available for administrative action. In most cases, it would be easy to submit a written authorization along with the LLO's recommendation.

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to the Director. In emergencies, of course, the Director
could waive this requirement.

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